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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention relates to a container (1) for containing foodstuff (F), which container comprises: - a bottom (2); - a peripheral wall (3) integral with the bottom (2) and extending upwardly from the bottom (2) and defining a mouth opening; - a closing foil (5) arranged onto the mouth opening; - at least one support element (4) arranged on the bottom (2) at a position corresponding to the edge (7) of the mouth opening, such that in a stacked position of at least two identical containers, the support element (4) of the first container rests on the edge (7) of the mouth opening of the second container. Furthermore the invention relates to a stack of containers, comprising at least a first and a second container according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the first container is stacked on top of the second container, and wherein the support element (4) of the first container rests on the edge (7) of the mouth opening of the second container.

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